

COMMAND OPERATIONS REPORT

1. COMMAND DATA

Name of your Command or Organization:

COMMANDER

CARRIER AIR WING ONE

UNIT 60105

FPO AE 09504-4400

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 09732

Name and Rank of Commander/Commanding Officer/Officer in charge:
Last: Wralstad **First:** Mark **M.I.:** E **Rank:** Capt

Date Assumed Command (date format: YYYY-MM-DD): 2006-08-01

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations:

To conduct carrier air warfare operations and to command, coordinate and integrate eight air wing squadrons by projecting power through air strikes and to support other warfare commanders in the defense of the Carrier Strike Group.

Permanent Location (Home of Port for deployable units):
Naval Air Station Oceana Virginia Beach, VA

Immediate Superior In Command:

Commander, Carrier Strike Group TWELVE

Operational:

Commander, Carrier Strike Group TWELVE

Administrative:

Commander, Carrier Strike Group TWELVE

Identify your assigned Task Force/Group/Unit name(s) and mission(s). Include OPLAN(s) and or named operations you participated in during Task Force assignment (if applicable):
N/A

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Unit assigned or under your operational control (if applicable):

The squadrons carrying out combat tasking are Strike Fighter Squadron TWO ONE ONE, Strike Fighter Squadron ONE THREE SIX, Strike Fighter Squadron EIGHT SIX, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron TWO FIVE ONE, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron ONE

ONE, Electronic Attack Squadron ONE THREE SEVEN, Sea Control Squadron THREE TWO, and Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE TWO THREE.

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes (if applicable):

	#	TYPE	TAILCODE
Strike Fighter Squadron TWO ONE ONE (VFA-211):	12	F-18F	AB 1XX
Strike Fighter Squadron ONE THREE SIX (VFA-136):	10	F/A-18C	AB 3XX
Strike Fighter Squadron EIGHT SIX (VFA-86):	10	F/A-18C	AB 4XX
Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE TWO THREE (VAW-123):	4	E-2C+	AB 6XX
Electronic Attack Squadron ONE THREE SEVEN (VAQ-137):	4	EA-6B	AB 5XX
Sea Control Squadron THREE TWO (VS-32):	6	S-3B	AB 7XX
Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron ONE ONE (HS-11):	4	SH-60F	AB 61X
	2	HH-60H	AB 61X
Marine Fighter Attack Squadron TWO FIVE ONE (VMFA-251):	12	F-18C	AB 2XX

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable):

VRC-40 Detachment 2

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 242 Enlisted: 1355 Civilian: 12 (During Deployment)

Command Point of Contact (required entry, complete in full):

Name (Rank, First name, Middle Initial, Last name):

CWO3 (b) (6)

Job Title/Office Code: Admin Officer

E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available):

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(unclassified)

(classified)

Command Mailing Address:

Commander

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2. COMMANDER'S ASSESSMENT

Carrier Air Wing ONE is prepared to conduct combat operations as directed.

A recent history follows:

Carrier Air Wing ONE (CVW-1) began the year with all squadrons conducting Unit Level Training work-ups for the Fleet Response Training Plan (F RTP). The first quarter of the year focused on training and preparations towards the 2006 Deployment.

On 9 January 2006, CVW-1 headed to the high desert for Airwing Fallon. By 27 January the TARBOX team had successfully completed its detachment to NSAWC at NAS Fallon, Nevada. Over the course of the four week detachment, CVW-1 trained against a bevy of different scenarios and successfully completed all MLT, ITP, and ATP events.

On 9 February 2006, CDR Robert Geis relieved CDR Michael Whetstone as Commanding Officer of VFA-211. On 10 February, CDR Richard McCormack relieved CDR Gordon Oliver, II as Commanding Officer of VFA-86.

From 21 March to 22 April 2006, CVW-1 participated in Composite Training Unit Exercise (C2X), obtaining their blue water certification and completing their preparations for Deployment 2006. After four days of carrier qualifications the ENTERPRISE steamed south and into the Jacksonville Operating Area. Deployed to the notional TREASURE COAST, CVW-1 was fully integrated into the ENTERPRISE Strike Group and exercised a number of mission areas, including Surface Search Coordination, Anti-Submarine Warfare, and War-at-Sea, that had not been practiced during other phases of the F RTP.

On 2 May 2006, CVW-1 got underway for its deployment. After three days of Carrier Qualifications, ENTERPRISE Strike Group steamed east and in-chopped Sixth Fleet on 8 May. On 14 May 2006, CDR Michael Buchanan relieved CDR Kevin Meenaghan as Commanding Officer of VAQ-137. After port calls in Split, Croatia and Souda Bay, Crete, CVW-1 steamed through the Suez Canal and in chopped into Fifth Fleet on 28 May. Two aircraft from the "Rooks" of VAQ-137 flew ahead from Souda Bay to Al Asad Air Base to begin a month long detachment flying electronic warfare missions in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

After one day of range operations at Godoria Range in Djibouti, CVW-1 began flying OIF combat missions from the Arabian Gulf on

7 June. Fixed and rotary wing assets also flew a wide variety of OPERATION SEA DRAGON III missions over the Persian Gulf. From 7 June until 27 June, HS-11 flew convoy support and logistics missions in support of MND-SE from the British base in Basrah. After recovering the HH-60s and EA-6Bs on 27 June, TARBOX concluded their operations in the Arabian Gulf and headed towards Seventh Fleet.

On 1 July, LTCOL Michael Orr relieved LTCOL John Jansen as Commanding Officer, VMFA-251. On 2 July, CDR John Nettleton relieved CDR Steven Yoder as Commanding Officer, HS-11. On 4 July, CDR Terry Morris relieved CDR Matthew Danahey as Commanding Officer of VAW-123.

After executing a successful fly-by of USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63), CVW-1 conducted one day of dual carrier operations with KITTY HAWK and CVW-5 on 16 July. The next day a Strike Fighter detachment left ENTERPRISE for MCAS Iwakuni to train with the "Warhawks" of VFA-97. From 18-21 June, CVW-1 was in port Pusan, ROK and recovered the Iwakuni det the day after pulling out. After dodging some heavy weather in the South China Sea, CVW-1 was in port Hong Kong from 27-30 July.

On 1 August, CAPT Mark Wralstad relieved CAPT Gregory Nosal as Commander, Carrier Air Wing ONE.

From 2-6 August, CVW-1 was in port Singapore and conducted a Shellback ceremony upon the solemn occasion of Crossing the Line in the South China Sea.

From 16-30 August, CVW-1 was in port Port Klang, Malaysia.

After leaving Port Klang, ENTERPRISE Strike Group made best speed to inchop Fifth Fleet on 28 August. CVW-1 commenced combat operations in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM on 02 September, flying close air support missions over Afghanistan from the Northern Arabian Sea.

On 1 September, 9 F/A-18Cs were detached to Al Asad Air Base and three EA-6Bs joined them on 5 September. The Prowlers resumed their Electronic Warfare mission, while the Hornets flew Close Air Support missions for the next two months. Throughout that time, S-3 and C-2 logistics flight allowed personnel and materiel to flow between the logistics hubs in the Persian Gulf, ENTERPRISE, and the detached units.

On 10 September, CVW-1 participated in Exercise INSPIRED SIREN, an anti-submarine warfare exercise off the coast of Pakistan. From 14-21 September, HS-11 participated in a combined CSAR exercise with the IWO JIMA Expeditionary Strike Group, as well as Pakistani forces.

In September and October CVW-1 aircraft provided Close Air Support for a variety of NATO forces on the ground in OPERATIONS MEDUSA and MOUNTAIN FURY in Afghanistan. CVW-1 also provided a Rescue Mission Coordinator at the scene of the loss of a Royal Air Force Nimrod. Fixed and rotary wing assets also contributed to the Recognized Maritime Picture and helped to establish patterns of activity in an area in which the USN does not usually operate.

From 18-22 October, CVW-1 was in port Jebel Ali, UAE. After recovering the Hornets on 24 October and the Prowlers on 31 October, CVW-1 in-chopped Sixth Fleet on 01 November on its way to a port call in Lisbon from 07-10 November.

CVW-1 in-chopped Second Fleet on 14 November and returned to Norfolk on 18 November, 2006. This concluded a historic deployment that saw CVW-1 operate in four fleets, over two active combat zones, and with joint and coalition forces around the world.

After returning from its deployment, CVW-1 entered a combined post-deployment and holiday stand-down until the end of the year.

On 7 December 2006, CDR Steven McAlearney relieved CDR David Culler as Commanding Officer, VFA-136.

3. CHRONOLOGY AND NARRATIVE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
09 JAN 06	CVW-1 Participated in Air Wing Fallon Detachment.
09 FEB 06	VFA-211 Change of Command
10 FEB 06	VFA-86 Change of Command
21 MAR 06	CVW-1 Participated in C2X
02 MAY 06	Start of 2006 Deployment

04 MAY 06	Completion of CVW-1 CQ
08 MAY 06	INCHOP C6F
14 MAY 06	VAQ-137 Change of Command
17-20 MAY 06	PVST: Split, Croatia
24 MAY - 27 JUN 06	VAQ-137 Detachment to Iraq ISO OIF
23-26 MAY 06	PVST: Souda Bay, Crete
02 JUN 06	Godoria Range Ops (Djibouti)
28 MAY 06	INCHOP C5F
07-28 JUN 06	Combat Flight Operations ISO Operation Iraqi Freedom / Operation Enduring Freedom (Sea Dragon III)
07-27 JUN 06	HS-11 Detachment to Basrah ISO OIF
02 JUL 06	HS-11 Change of Command
04 JUL 06	VAW-123 Change of Command
06 JUL 06	INCHOP C7F
16 JUL 06	Dual CV Operations with USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63)
18-21 JUL 06	PVST: Pusan, ROK
17-22 JUL 06	Strike Fighter Training Detachment to MCAS Iwakuni
01 AUG 06	CVW-1 Change of Command
27-30 JUL 06	PVST: Hong Kong, PRC
02-06 AUG 06	PVST: Singapore
13 AUG 06	Crossing the Line
16-20 AUG 06	PVST: Port Klang, Malaysia
28 AUG 06	INCHOP C5F

02 SEP-
16 OCT 06 Combat Flight Operations ISO OEF (Afghanistan)

06 SEP -
31 OCT 06 VAQ-137 Detachment to Iraq ISO OIF

29 AUG -
20 OCT 06 CVW-1 Fighter Attack Detachment to Iraq ISO OIF

10 SEP 06 CVW-1 participates in ASWEX LA Class, Inspired Siren exercise

14-21 SEP 06 HS-11 participates in Pakistani CSAR exercise

18-22 OCT 06 PVST: Jebel Ali, UAE

28 OCT 06 Godoria Range Ops (Djibouti)

01 NOV 06 INCHOP C6F

07-10 NOV 06 PVST: Lisbon, Portugal

14 NOV 06 INCHOP C2F

17 NOV 06 CVW-1 Fly Off

18 NOV 06 Completion of Deployment 2006

07 DEC 06 VFA-136 Change of Command

4. SUPPORTING REPORTS

5. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS

6. PHOTOGRAPHS